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April 1st.

Mr. ORD, President, in the Chair.

Letters were read

From the Imperial Society of Naturalists of Moscow, dated Feb. 17, 1856, announcing the celebration of its semi-centennial anniversary.

From Mr. J. H. Rauch, dated Burlington, Iowa, March 11, 1856, acknowledging the receipt of his notice of election as a Correspondent.

From the Lyceum of Natural History, of New York, dated March 20, 1856, acknowledging receipt of part 2, vol. 3, new series, of the Journal.

From the Trustees of the New York State Library, dated Albany, March 26, 1856, acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of the Academy.

From the University of Wurtzburg, dated December 21, 1855, acknowledging the receipt of the Journal, vol. 3, part 1, and Proceedings, vol. 7, Nos. 2—7.

From Mr. T. M. Peters, dated Moulton, Alabama, March 18, 1856, transmitting the donation to Museum, acknowledged this evening.

From the Philadelphia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, dated March 31, 1856, returning acknowledgments for the invitation from the Academy to visit the Museum.

Dr. Leidy read a paper, for publication in the Proceedings, entitled "Notices of three extinct Fishes." Referred to Mr. I. Lea, Dr. Wilson and Dr. Bridges.

Mr. Lea presented a paper, intended for publication in the Journal, entitled "On the Sandstone Fossils of the Connecticut river, by James Deane, M. D.;" which was referred to Mr. Lea, Dr. Leidy and Mr. Messchert.

Mr. Lea also presented the following papers for publication in the Proceedings, viz: "Descriptions of new Fresh-water shells of California," "Description of a new species of Triquetra Klein," and "Description of a new genus of Naiades," all of which were referred to Dr. Bridges, Dr. Wilson and Mr. Hanson.

April 8th.

Mr. LEA, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Dr. Leidy presented a paper for publication in the Proceedings, entitled "Notices of remains of extinct Mammalia discovered by Dr. F. V. Hayden in Nebraska Territory;" which was referred to Dr. Wilson, Prof. Haldeman and Mr. Lesley.

Mr. Cassin presented the following, which were unanimously adopted,

Resolved, That the 7th vol., and so much as is published of the 8th vol. of the Proceedings of this Academy, and the last two Nos. of the Journal of the Academy, be presented to Sandwith Drinker, Esq., o Canton, China.